वर्तमान मौसम के दौरान निर्यात के लिए रिलीज की गई 2.95 लाख गांठों की कुल मात्रा में से 31-7-85 तक 1.28 लाख लम्बे स्टेपल वाली रूई की गांठें निर्यात की गई हैं। मध्यम स्टेपल वाली रूई की एक लाख गांठें आयात की जा रही हैं।

(ख) और (ग) रूई परामर्शी बोर्ड द्वारा किए गए अद्यतन मूल्यांकन के अनुसार, वर्तमान रूई मौसम के दौरान लम्बी तथा अधिक लम्बी स्टेपल वाली रूई के उत्पादन में अधिशेष और मध्यम छोटे स्टेपल वाली रूई की कुछ कमी होने की सम्भावना है। इसलिए सरकार द्वारा मध्यम स्टेपल वाली रूई की एक लाख गांठें आयात करने का निर्णय किया गया है। देश/देशों जिनसे रूई आयात की जाएगी हमारी आवश्यकताओं के अनुरूप अनुकूल रूई की उपलब्धता, कीमतों आदि पर निर्भर करेगी।

मांग के मुकाबले कपास का उत्पादन

1904. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शादबेग :** क्या पूर्ति और वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चालू वर्ष के दौरान देश में कपास की मांग के मुकाबले में अनुमानित उत्पादन कितना है ; और

(ख) कपास का उत्पादन बढ़ाने हेतु क्या क्या योजनाएं हैं ?

पूर्ति और वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री चन्द्र शेखर सिंह) : (क) रूई सलाहकार बोर्ड ने अपनी 10 मई, 1985 को हुई अंतिम बैठक में चालू रूई वर्ष के लिये रूई उत्पादन और खपत का अनुमान क्रमशः 92 लाख गांठें तथा 89.40 लाख गांठें लगाया।

(ख) देश में रूई उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिये, मुख्य उपजकर्ता राज्यों में एक केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित गहन रूई विकास कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन के अधीन है। इस योजना के अन्तर्गत, प्रमाणीकृत बीजों पर स्टाक उपदानों के अलावा, एरियल स्प्रेइंग पौध संरक्षण उपस्करों का वितरण, प्रदर्शन तथा उपजकर्ताओं के उत्पादन के लिये व्यय तथा बुनियादी बीज उपलब्ध कराये जाते है। 1985-86 के दौरान 639.57 लाख रु० का एक परिव्यय मंजूर किया गया है, जिसमें भारत सरकार के अंश की राशि 319.97 लाख रु० है।

Constitution of local boards of the State Bank

1905. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government appoint local representatives from trade, commerce etc. in the local Boards of the State Bank;

(b) if so, how many such Boards have been fully constituted; and

(c) what are the reasons for not constituting the other Boards and by when these are likely to be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The State Bank of India Act, 1955 provides for constitution of a Local Board at each place where the bank has a local head office. As on date 13 Local Boards have been constituted at the 13 Local Head Offices of State Bank of India. In term of provisions of Section 21 of the State Bank of India Act, among others, persons having experience in commerce, industry, banking or finance are also eligible for nomination as Members of the Local Boards. All the Local Boards are operative although there are some vacancies in some of the Boards. Necessary action has been initiated to fill up these vacancies.

Growing menace of narcotics across the border

1906. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of growing menace of narcotics across the border has recently been discussed with the Pakistan Government;

(b) if so, what was the outcome of the discussion; and

(c) what measures have been agreed to by the Government of India and Pakistan to check smuggling of narcotics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir. Modalities to check smuggling of narcotics were discussed at the second meeting of India-Pakistan Joint Commission held from the 2nd to 4th July, 1985 at New Delhi.

(b) and (c) It was agreed that the respective intelligence and enforcement agencies of the two countries would mutually exchange, for appropriate action, information regarding seizures of narcotics, persons arrested and other relevant details and develop intelligence on suspected narcotics smugglers operating between Pakistan and India through seaports, airports and land routes.

Irregularities in Coal India Limited

1907. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA.
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coal Mines Officers' Association of India has recently submitted a memorandum to him alleging irregularities committed at the highest level in Coal India Limited;

(b) if so, what are the details of allegations made therein;

(c) whether Government have made any inquiry into these allegations; and

(d) if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A memorandum received from the Coal Mines Officers' Association of India in June 1985 alleging, among other things, irregular allotment of coal to private parties, transfer of an official of CCL at the instance of a local contractor and blacklisting and re-enlisting of firms.

(c) and (d) The allegations are being looked into.

Release of smugglers

1908. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of smugglers acquitted during the last three years; and

(b) what is the number of smugglers released from detention by Advisory Boards during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The number of persons acquitted (who were prosecuted for smuggling offences) during the years 1982, 1983 and 1984 is given below:

Year	No. of Persons acquitted
1982	379
1983	430
1984	327

(b) The number of smugglers and foreign exchange racketeers released from detention by the Advisory Boards during the years 1982, 1983 and 1984 is given below:

Year	No. of smugglers and foreign exchange racketeers acquitted
1982	97
1983	92
1984	132